6. Shri B. Madhu,
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House No. 7/30/39,
Main Road, Hotel Swapna, Near L.I.C.,
RAJAHMUNDRY, (Andhra Pradesh)

7. Shri H.B.Dave,
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8. Shri K.M. Shankar Prabhu,
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Lok Adaltas in States

*447. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Adalats are functioning in every State;

(b) if so, to what extent these have been useful;

(c) whether Government would like to extend them at district level;

(d) whether Government will constitute family court also on the pattern of Lok Adalats; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) As per information available with the National Legal Services Authority, the Lok Adalats are being organised in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh Administration, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Pondicherry.

(c) Under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 which has come into force w.e.f. 9th November, 1995, one of the functions of the District Legal Services Authorities is to organise Lok Adalats within the District.

(d) There is no proposal to constitute Family Courts on the pattern of Lok Adalat.

(e) Question does not arise.

Function of Indian Airlines and Air India as Allied Service

*448. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Departments in Delhi where Indian Airlines and Air India are functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting staff and offices at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staff and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into nexus and malpractices; and

(e) the steps taken to avoid long stay of officers and staff at one place?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVITION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) (a) There are some areas of cooperation between Indian Airlines and Air India, but the two airlines are not functioning as an allied service.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Posting and transfers are made keeping in view the availability of posts, suitability of employees and on administrative consideration.

Visit of Indian/Foreign Tourists in Kanyakumari

*449. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourists, Indian/Foreign, who visited the place of tourist interest in Kanyakumari during last year, and during current year; and

(b) the measures taken by Government to provide facilities like cheaper accomodation for low budget tourists?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) According to the information available from the State Government, the total number of Indian and foreign tourists who visited Kanyakumari during 1995 and during the current year are as given below:

Year	Number of tourists		
	Indian	Foreign	Total
1995	10,23,013	39,012	10,62,025
1996 (January-July)	6,51,128	22,192	6,73,320

(b) State Governments agencies and local bodies have provided a number of low priced accommodation units at kanyukumari for the benefit of low budget tourists.

Performance Rate of LIC

*450. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the performance rate of period set for loan payments, claims and despatch of bonds to policy holders of LIC; and

(b) steps taken to effectively implement various points of LIC objectives in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The requisite information is given in the Statement I. (*See* below).

(b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement-I

I. *Loan Payments—Performance rate*

Target	*Achievement*
Four days after receipt of all the requisite documents from the policy holders.	Sample checks carried out by LIC reveal that the performance level, on an average, varies from same day to five days.

II. *Claims settlement—Performance rate*

The target set by the LIC for Maturity Claims, is to settle at least 65% of the claims before the date of maturity through post dated cheques and the balance within one month. In the case of death claims, the target is to settle at least 80% of the non early death claims within 70 days from the date of receipt of intimation. Both for maturity and death claims no claim should be outstanding for more than 6 months except on legal grounds. Against these targets, the performance of the LIC is given in the following tables:—

(a) *Maturity Claims—Settled Before time*

For Financial year ending	Target Performane Rate	Actual Imple-mentation Rate
31.03.1994	65%	69%
31.03.1995	65%	71%
31.03.1996	65%	69%

(b) *Death Claims:—*

For Financial year ending	Target Performane Rate	Actual Imple-mentation Rate
31.03.1994	75%	69%
31.03.1995	75%	69%
31.03.1996	80%	78%

NB: In the figures given for the Financial Years 1994 & 1995, claims include both early and non-early death claims and settlements were completed in 75 days. For the year 1996 the figures indicate only non-early death claims, settled in 70 days.